

achievements, my appreciation for her many years of exceptional public service, and my best wishes for her future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague Rep. PATRICK MEEHAN (PA-7), to congratulate the Immaculata University women's basketball team on its record of outstanding accomplishment.

Immaculata University, located in Chester County, Pennsylvania, is considered to be the birthplace of modern college women's basketball. Known as the Mighty Macs, the Immaculata women's basketball team won three consecutive national college women's basketball championships in 1972, 1973 and 1974. These championships were the first college women's basketball championships played in the United States. The Mighty Macs also have the distinction of playing in the first nationally televised college women's basketball game as well as being the first college women's basketball team to compete outside the United States.

The Immaculata women's basketball team produced four All-Americans, Marianne Crawford Stanley, Rene Muth Portland, Mary Scharff and Theresa Shank Grentz. All members of the team are trailblazers and true American heroes who set the highest standards both academically and athletically, for not only women's basketball, but for women's and men's sports alike.

Mr. Speaker, I ask, along with Rep. PATRICK MEEHAN (PA-7), that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the Immaculata women's basketball team and, for bringing both tremendous pride to the citizens of Pennsylvania and inspirational change to American intercollegiate sport, ask that March 29, 2011 be known as Immaculata University Mighty Macs Day.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF JOSEPHINE "JOSIE" AVILES

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of a dedicated civil servant, Ms. Josephine "Josie" Aviles. Josie has been committed to Homestead Air Reserve Base since 1984, working relentlessly to support and maintain the mission of the 482d Fighter Wing.

Josie has demonstrated genuine dedication as a Protocol officer, providing extraordinary assistance to each Group, Squadron, and Tenant organization. She is well known and admired amongst her peers for her expertise, excellent work ethic and selfless attitude.

Throughout her unwavering leadership, Josie directed the command staff after Hurricane Andrew destroyed Homestead Air Force Base in 1992; served as Administrative Team Chief for the fighter wing's first Operational

Readiness Exercise; and arranged events and conferences as the first Protocol officer. She has demonstrated a level of commitment to her country, community, and colleagues that deserves our sincere admiration and respect.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly honored to pay tribute to my friend Josie, a true leader who has dedicated her life to public service. As her colleagues, friends and family gather together to celebrate the next chapter of her life, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting this outstanding civil servant on this very special occasion. I wish Josie continued success and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF FREESE AND NICHOLS

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Freese and Nichols, an engineering, architecture, and environmental science firm, and the recipient of the prestigious 2010 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in the small business category.

Overseen by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST, the Baldrige Award is the highest level of national recognition granted to organizations for performance excellence. Since its establishment in 1987, 86 organizations have received this prestigious award.

Freese and Nichols, Inc., FNI, traces its historical roots in Texas back to 1894, and has always been dedicated to the spirit of innovation. FNI's emphasis on approaching projects with a fresh and unique perspective allows them to push the boundaries with avant-garde solutions and to stay at the forefront of their field. From designing the first ever LEED certified building to their restoration projects to being conscious of their impact on our environment and striving to make the world a better and cleaner place for future generations, their commitment to responsible and sustainable development is evident. Their community service efforts and partnership with nonprofit organizations speak loudly of their belief in giving back and being good stewards of our local community.

I commend Freese and Nichols for their dedication to innovation and performance excellence; they are truly deserving of this great honor. Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating Freese and Nichols.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CECIL L. ANCHORS, SR.

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life of Northwest Florida's beloved Cecil L. Anchors, Sr.

Mr. Anchors was a pivotal community leader in the Northwest Florida community for dec-

ades. He grew up in Niceville, Florida and graduated from Niceville High School in 1936. After high school Mr. Anchors attended the University of Florida. His passion for the Florida Gators' storied athletic program was unrivaled.

Mr. Anchors was also a devoted patriot. After graduating from college, he returned to Northwest Florida to work at the Air Proving Ground at Eglin Air Force Base. When the United States entered World War II, Mr. Anchors volunteered for Army service. He served his country with honor and distinction in the European Theater, including at the famous Battle of the Bulge.

In 1948, Mr. Anchors was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okaloosa County, a position that he held until his retirement in 1976. Mr. Anchors was a leader in the community, and an innovator at the courthouse. He established the first computer system in Okaloosa County public offices and oversaw the construction of a new courthouse in Crestview, Florida.

A true local leader, Mr. Anchors was a charter member of the Choctawhatchee Rotary Club, the Rocky Bayou Country Club, and the Air Force Museum Board of Directors. He also served as the first elected Post Commander of the Niceville Chapter of the American Legion in 1945, as well as president of the Crestview Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Anchors played an active role in local, state, and national politics. He served as the Okaloosa County leader during President Kennedy's 1960 Presidential campaign; however, his fondest memories were of his time serving the people of Okaloosa County as the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

To some Cecil Anchors will be remembered as a patriot and a leader in the civic community. To others he will be remembered as a lifelong Florida Gator. To his friends and family, he will most fondly be remembered as a loving and devoted family man. His tireless work and immense contributions to Northwest Florida cannot be overstated.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pride to honor the life of Cecil Anchors, Sr., and his living legacy.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Chair, as we continue to debate the Continuing Resolution and slowly whittle away funds for important programs, I rise to express my sincere regret over cuts to Community Health Centers.

In my State of Indiana, these health centers serve nearly half a million Hoosiers, and at a time when American families continue to struggle to afford basic healthcare, I believe this is not the time to defund this valuable program.